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BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER



2009 Borough Council

We are very pleased to bring you the first edition of the

GETTYSBURG BOROUGH NEWSLETTER.

The newsletter is yet another way for the Borough staff and your elected officials to communicate with the Gettysburg resi-

dents. We will use the newsletter to explain current Borough policies, to let you know when policies or procedures change, to tell you about Borough activities and how they may impact you, and to keep you up-to-date with information about some of the exciting projects planned for the Gettysburg community and our residents.

Let us know what you think about our first issue and what you would like to see in future editions. Please send your comments or questions to newsletter@gettysburg-pa.gov.

We value your input.

Borough Officials:

Mayor:

William Troxell

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Michael Birkner
Alice Estrada
Ted Streeter

Second Ward:

Bob Krummerich
Claire Lewis
Holly Giles

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

First, let me say how proud I am of Susan Naugle and her band of cohorts for the terrific efforts to make this newsletter a reality. It is a wonderful way to stay in contact and offer firsthand knowledge of what is going on in our community that could affect you and your family. After you read it in its entirety, please let us know what improvements you might like to see in future publications. In other words, how can we make it even better?

This newsletter may be the only one in which I can offer insights presented from my viewpoint. On December 31, 2009, I will be history as a borough councilor. I chose not to run again for the 3rd Ward council position. Believe me, it is for no other reason than my age. I have had a truly rewarding experience, filled with any adjective you'd care to insert. It has been a joy seeing so many positive events and improvements take place over the last six years. How thrilling it was to be present for the new NPS Visitor's Center, the ceremonies held to honor the renovation of the train station, the grand re-opening involving the magnificent restoration of the Wills House and the start of the new bus service throughout the Gettysburg area. I feel very close to those who inspired the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground," a project that is and will bring living history to Americans who venture along the Charlottesville-Gettysburg corridor. Perhaps the crown jewel within the borough itself is the restoration and reopening of the magnificent Majestic Theater, bringing powerful theatrical, musical and cultural events to our doorstep. All these things happened because of the strong partnerships created by all the leaders of the community working together to make these things happen.

I can say that the last two councils have been diverse and effective. They have helped to foster and implement all of the above through their insight, vision and just plain hard work. Of course, there have been disagreements along the way. We split when faced with the prospect of a local area casino. But we hung together on all the aforementioned projects.

Lastly, we are on board and ready to go with the new Steinwehr Avenue Initiative, the largest single project ever undertaken by the Gettysburg Borough, Main Street Gettysburg, Delta Development and SABA (Steinwehr Avenue Business Association).

So, the beat goes on. I want to thank all the members of the Borough Council (2004-2009). I think we should feel proud that so much was accomplished through the hard work that has been exuded over the years. Now, I will be able to sit back and watch all the new ventures come into fruition. And

Thank You Gettysburg for the opportunity to serve over the past few years. It has truly been my pleasure.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS



New

Many of you have inquired about the option to make payments or purchases with a credit card.

* Processing fee will apply

Now in effect, the Borough is accepting **Discover & Master Card** as payment for the following:

- Parking or Towing fines
- Water/sewer bills
- RRUO payments
- Sidewalk or Sign permit
- Building permits
- Zoning hearing application
- Key cards
- Subdivision Land Development
- Admissions tax
- Rec Park Building /Pavilion Rental
- Disc Amusement Park Tickets
- And others

CASHIER'S DESK

Visit the Cashier's Desk located on the first floor to make payment for services listed above.

Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Please note:

Recycle bins are available here!



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UPCOMING REC PARK EVENTS

Eisenhower Overnight*

September 18 & 19

For 5th and 6th graders – sponsored by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society

Annual Heritage Festival

September 20

Biser Fitness Trail Walking Party 6:00 PM September 30

National Women's Fitness Day Event sponsored by the Physical Fitness Task Force of Adams County. All ladies are invited to introductory belly dancing following the walk.

Adult Naturalist Final Class 6:30 -8:00 PM October 4

Adaptations and the Environment" presented in collaboration with Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve. Call 642-5840 to reserve a spot.



Christmas in New York City Bus Trip* December 12 Registration ends Nov 20

Fall Seniors Bus Trip Skyline Dr/Blue Ridge Mountains* TBD

Making Maple Syrup

Watch the Web for details



*Registration Required

Contact the Rec Park at 334-2028 for details

Did You Know?

the 52 acre recreation park located at 545 Long Lane is home to:

- 7 baseball and softball fields
- 1 football field
- 3 pavilions
- 2 basketball courts
- 3 playgrounds
- an amphitheatre
- the Biser fitness trail
- a skate park

G M A

The Gettysburg Municipal Authority has received 5 million dollars in grant funding under the **H2O PA Program** through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for costs associated with planned upgrades and improvements to the GMA public sewer system.

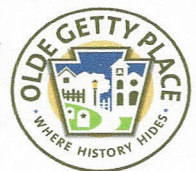
In addition, \$20,000 was awarded from **Pennvest** to institute a water conservation rain-barrel program and to improve the collection and treatment of sewage in part by eliminating residential illegal connections.



For more information,
visit the GMA website at
www.gettysburgma.com.

FALL CLEAN-UP AT ELM STREET

Dust off your brooms and rakes, "**Olde Getty Place**" (the Elm Street program) will be holding its Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 17th from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



Refreshments will be provided at the sign-in table located behind the Gettysburg United Methodist Church at 30 W. High Street.



For more information
call the Elm Street Manager,
Stephanie McIlwee at 334-1518 ext 269 or
e-mail at smcilwee@adamscha.org

NEW RECYCLING LIST

PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Recycle it is the law



Waste Management has informed the Borough of Gettysburg that their recycling center is now located at Elkridge, MD.

This is important to you because this high-tech center can accept additional materials for recycling.

The following should be placed in your recycle bin and can be mixed together (co-mingled):

(Items with an asterisk are **REQUIRED** by law to be recycled by Borough residents)

- * Aluminum cans
- * Newspapers (including all inserts) and junk mail
- * Glass containers such as jars and bottles (remove lids and place in trash) Rinse carefully.
- * Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil) that carry plastic resin identification code 1 through 7 (bottles and jugs) Rinse carefully.

Brown paper bags

Magazines, catalogs, and telephone books

Cardboard, chipboard, and paperboard boxes, broken down to fit within the bin (including cereal boxes without liners, shoe boxes, etc.)

Magazines and catalogs

Colored paper

Computer printouts (clean paper)

Tin and steel cans Rinse carefully

Aerosol Cans (emptied of contents)

Office paper (including typing, fax, copy, letterhead, NCR) and envelopes

Non-metallic wrapping paper

Wide-mouth containers such as peanut butter, margarine/butter tubs, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, whipped topping, and **EMPTY** prescription bottles (please note that the lids and caps **do not** need to be removed). Rinse carefully.

Plastic flower pots Rinse carefully.

Aseptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons Rinse carefully.

Non-acceptable items for Recycling

Aluminum foil	Mirrors
Auto glass	Painted or treated wood
Batteries	Paper towels
CD's and VCR tapes	Plastic wrap
Ceramics	Plate glass
Containers and packing materials	Styrofoam cups
Film canisters	Plastic grocery bags (please return to your supermarket)
Light bulbs	

NEW CURB, NEW ROOF, NEW PAINT

Thanks to a grant from the **Robert C Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust**, the Borough Highway Department has installed curbing around the Rec Park's north parking area. This long-overdue improvement project was needed to remove a post and cable system that was a potential hazard especially to children running across the park.

This year another grant application was made to the Hoffman Trust to install additional similar curbing in the parking area along Long Lane.

Next time you get to the Park, check out the new roof on the maintenance buildings—also installed by our highway crew. The metal roof cost a little more but will last years longer. Also be sure to check out the newly repainted Amphitheater courtesy of the **Optimist Club of Gettysburg**.



New Curbing at Rec Park



Rec Park Maintenance Building

Thanks also to our Park Supporters:

**Cumberland Township
Franklin Township
Freedom Township
Mt Joy Township
Straban Township**

for their valuable contributions that enhance recreational opportunities for area residents. **Thanks also to all the individuals and families whose financial support make the Summer Concerts in the Park a reality.**

**Park Hours
Daily
6:00 a.m. to
Dusk**

ADAMS COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

In an unprecedented coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, Adams County Transit Authority is proud to announce that **Freedom Transit** began fixed-route bus service for Gettysburg, the most famous small town in America, on Monday, June 29, 2009.



Three historic trolleys are available to transport people to a multitude of dining, shopping, and tourist destinations such as the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center, the newly restored David Wills House, and the Lincoln Train Station. Three vans provide transportation to social services, senior housing and retail destinations.

Designed to relieve congestion and improve air quality, **Freedom Transit** offers three bus routes with 33 unique bus stops throughout the borough and adjoining townships. Park once and let us do the driving! **Freedom Transit is a division of Adams County Transit Authority (ACTA) which has provided paratransit service throughout Adams County for over 28 years.**

For more information, please visit www.ridethetrolley.com.

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GAS PIPELINE PROJECT BEGINS

As part of the PA Infrastructure Improvement Project, **Columbia Gas has begun replacement of aging portions of its natural gas piping system in the Borough.** The project began on **South Washington Street** and is being coordinated with the Borough and the Municipal Authority to maximize improvements to streets and sidewalks.

This is a long-term project to "ensure safe and reliable natural gas service." There are very few places in the Borough that will not be affected by this project which could include replacement of the service line to the home and/or individual gas meters.

The replacement will be completed in phases. Once all connections are made and testing completed, other contractors will replace the affected sidewalks and streets.

Customers will not be billed directly for this work. The resulting replacement of sidewalks, curbing and curb cuts by Columbia Gas will help the Borough in its effort to bring our sidewalks into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

More information about this project is available on the Columbia Gas website at www.columbiagaspa.com (click on PA/MD Infrastructure Improvements) or by calling 1-888-585-8823. We will keep you updated on the progress in future issues.

RECREATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAM



The Borough of Gettysburg, the Gettysburg Area School District and Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Mt. Joy, and Straban Townships are working cooperatively to create a regional recreation commission in order to provide a diverse array of recreation programs for area residents of all ages.

With funding from the PA Department of Conservation and Recreation, the municipalities and the school district are working with Peer Study Consultant and Director of the Lancaster Recreation Commission Sue Landes to craft an agreement which will avoid duplication of recreation services and combine efforts and resources to make the best use of facilities, like the **Gettysburg Recreation Park**. The goal is to offer an extensive schedule of recreational programs available to residents in a larger geographical area. A regional approach to recreation makes sense. It combines resources for the development of future facilities and the improvement and maintenance of existing facilities and provides recreation opportunities to meet the needs of a growing population. Ultimately, a regional approach will save money.

We will update you on the progress of this effort in future newsletters. If you would like more information, contact Council Member Susan Naugle at 334-1142 or snaugle@gettysburg-pa.gov.

What is New